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POW CAMPS FOR ALLIED PRISONERS IN CAMBODIA

SUBORDINATE TO THE CENTRAL OFFICE FOR SOUTH VIETNAM--

PROBLEMS CREATED FOR THE CAMPS AND HOSPITALS IN THE

AREA BY ALLIED MILITARY ACTION

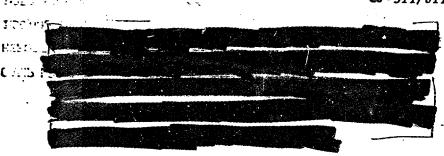
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A PRISONER OF WAR / POW/ CAMP FOR ALLIED PRISONERS WAS LECATED IN THE VICINITY OF KRABAS VILLAGE, MIMOT DISTRICT, KOMPONG CHAM PROVINCE, CAMBODIA, AS OF AUGUST 1978. TWELVE U.S. PRISONERS AND 24 ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM /ARVN/ PRISONERS, WHO HAD BEEN CAPTURED BY ELEMENTS OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY /NVA/ 5TH, 7TH AND 9TH DIVISIONS, WERE DETAINED IN THE CAMP. THE CAMP WAS ADMINISTERED BY THE 429TH SAPPER GROUP, WHICH HAD TWO COMPANIES AND SIX TANKS ASSIGNED TO IT. ON 7 JANUARY 1970 FOUR U.S. POWS AND 70 WOUNDED NVA SOLDIERS WERE TRANSFERRED FROM A POW CAMP NEAR KRAVIEN VILLAGE, MIMOI DISTRICT. THE 50TH REAR SERVICES GROUP /RSG/ HANDLED THEIR TRANSFER TO THE 300TH RSG IN KRATIE PROVINCE, WHICH WOULD YAKE OVER THEIR PASSAGE TO NORTH VIETNAM /NVN/. DURING MARCH 1970 THREE CAMPS FOR ALLIED PON'S WERE MOVED FROM THE VICINITY OF TRAVIEN VILLAGE TO A LOCATION NORTH OF THE CHILONG RIVER BECAUSE OF AIR STRIKES, WHICH HAD KILLED APPROXIMATELY 876 NVA TROOPS ASSIGNED TO THE D.256 NVA CONVALESCENT REGIMENT AND HAD KILLED AND WOUNDED STAFF MEMBERS. OF THE K.52 HOSPITAL. D.52 HOSPITAL AND THREE OTHER HOSPITALS WERE MOVED TO NEW LOCATIONS. . A PRISON FOR UNDISCIPLINED NVA TROOPS WAS ALSO LOCATED IN THIS GENERAL AREA. END SUMMARY.

1. A POW CAMP FOR ALLIED PRISONERS WAS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY
OF KRABAS VILLAGE, MIMOT DISTRICT, KOMPONG CHAM PROVINCE, CAMBODIA.
THIS INSTALLATION, CODED KA 2. WAS LOCATED AT XU278188.

VISITED THIS INSTALLATION ON THREE OCCASIONS, THE LAST TIME
ON AUGUST 1970 WHEN HE OBSERVED 12 U.S. PRISONERS, INCLUDING TWO
NEGROS, AND 24 ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM / ARVN/ PRISONERS IN
DETENTION. THE U.S. PRISONERS WERE INFANTRYMEN WHO HAD BEEN CAPTURED

EVELEMENTS OF THE NVA 5TH, 7TH AND 9TH DIVISIONS. THERE WERE NO WOUNDED PRISONERS IN THE POW CAMP.

P. THE POW CAMP WAS ADMINISTERED BY THE 429TH SAPPER GROUP, WHICH WAS DEPLOYED HEAR KRABAS VILLAGE IN THE VICINITY OF XUNIBIES. COMMENT--THE 429TH SAPPER GROUP IS ALSO KNOWN AS DIG, AKA UNIT 429, AKA SAPPER COMMAND, HEAD QUARTERS, SOUTH VIETHAMESE LIPERATION ARMY/SVNLA/, CENTRAL OFFICE FOR SOUTH VIETHAM /COSVN// THE 429TH SAPPER GROUP HAD TWO COMPANIES AND SIX TANKS ASSIGNED TO IT.

THE TARKS

HAD BEEN CAPTURED FROIT II. S. FORCES AND WERE OPERATED BY NVA PERSONNEL WHO HAD BEEN TRAINED AT THE VINH PHUC TRAINING CENTER, WINH PHUC PROVINCE, NVN.

- 3. THE POW ENCLOSURE CONSISTED OF SEVEN STRUCTURES, ONE HOUSED ILS. PRISONERS, TWO WERE FOR ARVN PRISONERS, THREE FOR THE GUARDS, AND ONE MESS HALL. THESE BUILDINGS WERE APPROXIMATELY 5 METERS HIGH WITH ABOUT 1/2 METER, OF CONSTRUCTION UNDERGROUND AND WERE GUARDED BY ROUGHLY 48 GUARDS. SIX OR SEVEN OF THE GUARDS WERE DISABLED WETERANS AND THE OTHERS WERE CLASSIFIED AS BEING IN A5 PHYSICAL CONDITION, SCHETHING LESS THAN THE NORMAL STANDARD. THE POW CAMP WAS PROTECTED BY MINE AND GRENADE FIELDS WHICH ENCIRCLED IT. PRIOR TO 1978, PRISONERS WERE ALLOWED 4 CAMBODIAN RIELS PER DAY FOR FOCO.

  ATHE OFFICIAL RATE OF EXCHANGE IS 55.5 TO US\$1.88./ IN 1978, THIS MALLOWANCE WAS RAISED TO 6 RIELS PER DAY. A STANDARD MEAL CONSISTED OF RICE, VEGETARLES AND FISH. THE PRISONERS RECEIVED AN ADDITIONAL RATION OF PORK OR BEEF TWICE A WEEK.
- 4. ON 7 JANUARY 1973, OBSERVED FOUR U.S. POWS AND TO MVA WOUNDED SOLDIERS BEING TRANSFERRED FROM A POW LOCATION NEAR ROAD PRIDGE NO. 48 AND KRAVIEN VILLAGE, MINOT DISTRICT, KOMPONG CHAM PROVINCE. THE 36TH RSG, WHICH WAS DEPLOYED IN MINOT DISTRICT, MANDLED THE ADMINISTRATIVE WORK AND THE TRANSFER OF THE POWS AND WOUNDED SOLDIERS TO THE 366TH RSG WHICH OPERATED IN KRATIE PROVINCE,

CAMBODIA, AND WHICH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING THE MEN TO NVN.

COMMENT -- IN JULY 1978, THE 58TH RSG STOPPED MOVING POWS AND

NVA WOUNDED BECAUSE OF HEAVY LOSSES ALONG THE TRAILS.

- 5. DURING MARCH 1978, BECAUSE OF AIR STRIKES THREE CAMPS FOR ALLIED POYS WERE MOVED FROM THE VICINITY OF KRAVIEN VILLAGE TO A LOCATION NORTH OF THE CHILONG RIVER WITHIN THE SQUARE FORMED BY COORDINATES XU318238, XU348238, XU318228, AND XU348228. THESE AIR STRIKES KILLED APPROXIMATELY 878 NVA TROOPS ASSIGNED TO THE D.258 NVA CONVALESCENT REGIMENT AND KILLED 12 AND WOUNDED EIGHT STAFF MEMBERS OF THE K.52 HOSPITAL. HOSPITALS K.78, D.71A, D.713 AND D.52 WERE LIKEWISE MOVED TO NEW LOCATIONS. A PRISON FOR UNDISCIPLINED NVA TROOPS WAS ALSO LOCATED IN THIS GENERAL AREA. THE THREE POW CAMPS FOR ALLIED PRISONERS, THE NVA PRISON AND THE FOUR CONVALESCENT HOSPITALS ALL FELL UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE 58TH RSG.
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